Absorption of Trainees of HAL, Nasik Division

1472. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a memorandum dated 27-8-91 from Nasik Worker's Union (CITU), Nasik regarding absorption of 126 Fourth year trainees of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Nasik Division;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to absorb these trainees;

(c) whether it is a fact that HAL, Nasik has been operating with "shortage of manpower";

(d) whether in order to cope up with the work load with the existing manpower, HAL, management is deploying the existing manpower on overtime duty; and

(e) whether absorption of above mentioned trainees would help to save overtime expenditure and ease the heavy workload on the existing staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Presently, it has not been found possible to absorb these trainees as regular employees of the Company in view of the fact that there is no requirement of additional manpower based on present order book position. However, HAL have already circulated the list of the ex-trainees to other Public Sector Undertakings for considering them for appointment against suitable posts in their organisations.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Overtime in Nasik Division arises on account of the periodic peaking of load due to production exigencies and is a temporary phenomenon.

(e) Does not arise.

Plan Allocations to Rajasthan for Water supply

1473. SHRI GAJ SINGH: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Life Insurance Corporation of India tend to make available loan to Rajasthan Government within the plan allocation for water supply scheme for its share in the Jodhpur Lift Canal;

(b) whether it is a fact that the State Government has requested the Central Government and the Planning Commission to direct the LIC to first make available its share of this loan and thereafter consider a commercial loan at 14 per cent interest whether the request has not been acceded to so far; and if so the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the State Government approached the Planning Commission to expedite the sanction of the Reserve Bank for the additional loan at the commercial rate of 14 per cent if so what is the response?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir. In a meeting held in the Planning Commission which was also attended by officials from Government of Rajasthan as well as LIC, it was confirmed by the LIC representative that LIC's share for Jodhpur Lift Canal Water Supply Project will be Rs. 23.69 crores and the same will be outside plan allocation carrying interest at the then prevailing rate of 14 per cent p.a.